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By Mark Schauer

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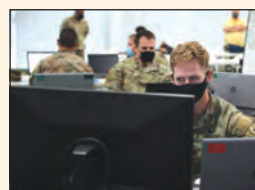
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— Lt. Col. Alicia Johnson, Yuma Test Center Commander

These are two of the many employees who furthered their education this year.



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Scott Zaehler is the new Army Substance Abuse Program Manager at Yuma Proving Ground. (Photo by Brandon Mejia)

## New ASAP Manager returns to YPG in a different role

By Brandon Mejia

After serving in the Marine Corps for nearly 22 years and taking part in almost a dozen tests at Yuma Proving Ground (YPG), Scott Zaehler is returning, but this time as the Army Substance Abuse Program (ASAP) Manager.

“Now that I am on the Garrison side, I see this as an excellent place that gives excellent support and excellent resources,” Zaehler said. “I am so happy to be here!”

The first time he came to YPG was in 1988. Stationed at 29 Palms, Zaehler took several trips to the YPG test ranges and even took part in amphibious crossings on the Colorado River.

However, his new role won’t involve much of that anymore, instead he will work with both the Soldiers and Civilians working on base to help communicate ‘healthier choices’ as they relate to drugs, alcohol, addiction, or mental health.

Zaehler wears many hats, he also serves as the Suicide Prevention Manager and Employee Assistance Program Coordinator.

“We don’t do crisis response, we do education training,” he said. Within that is the ability to self-refer for a treatment

program pertaining to all forms of addiction, abuse, or mental health issues.

“It is never a sign of weakness to ask for assistance, if we don’t know how to do something that relates to our job we ask somebody who does.” And he adds in general things don’t get better on their own.

“If we don’t know how to fix a transmission on our car we take it to a transmission guy, and there is no shame in that. This is no different.”

Zaehler’s position comes with years of experience even after retiring from the Marine Corps.

“I have been in this field, on the Army side, since 2009,” Zaehler said. “And then substance abuse {support} I did three years of that when I was in the Marine Corps.”

During those three years he attended the Naval School of Health Sciences and Navy Drug and Alcohol School where he served as a substance abuse counselor in Okinawa, Japan.

On the Army side he started as the ASAP manager in 2009 at Fort McCoy, Wisconsin. He would then go on to work at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii and U.S. Army Garrison Italy, Vicenza before making his way to YPG.



# A look back at 2021 at Yuma Proving Ground

By Ana Henderson

2021 was a ground breaking year for Yuma Proving Ground (YPG)—from ground breaking testing to ground breaking on much needed projects. The Outpost takes a look back at a few of those moments.

## Project Convergence 21 points way to Army, joint forces future

Project Convergence (PC) 21, the Army's campaign of learning, returned to U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) to test a vast and astonishing array of new technology.

For the first time ever, every branch of the United States' armed forces were testing their sensor-to-sensor capabilities in tandem.

In addition to representation from all branches of the military, this year's iteration featured all eight of the Army Futures Command's cross-functional teams. There was also a dramatically larger Soldier presence.

YPG served as the staging ground for PC 21. Between 1,500 and 2,000 additional personnel on the ground at any given time throughout the six weeks of experimentation, PC 21 proceeded flawlessly thanks to more than a year of pre-planning, even as the vagaries of natural environment testing caused numerous schedule changes.

Meanwhile, the proving ground's normal testing workload—about 1.8 million direct labor hours last fiscal year—had continued throughout the year.

## Groundbreaking counter-small UAS demos at YPG

U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground provided the ideal backdrop for the week-long C-sUAS demonstrations held in April and September.

The demonstrations focused on the most cutting edge drone-busting technology in a low collateral effects interceptor assessment-- in short, an evaluation of capabilities that can intercept and defeat an incoming threat sUAS. This demonstration's



Secretary of the Army Christine Wormuth, Army Chief of Staff Gen. James McConville, Army Futures Command commander Gen. John M. Murray (not pictured), and other Army senior leaders discussed Project Convergence 21 with local and national media after the live demonstrations. (Photos by Mark Schauer)



U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground provided the ideal backdrop for the week-long C-sUAS demonstration held in April and focused on the most cutting edge drone-busting technology. The Modular Intercept Drone Avionics Set (MIDAS) by Aurora Flight Sciences is pictured.



The group which included, (left to right) Heidi McFall, Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army Linda Denno, Command Sgt. Maj. Herbert Gill, YPG Commander Col. Patrick McFall, President/CEO at Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation Julie Engle, Executive Director of Visit Yuma Linda Morgan, Yuma County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Kimberly Kahl, Garrison Manager Ronny James and Museum Curator Bill Heidner were all smiles as they cut the ribbon.

primary objective was on systems able to defeat small Class 1 and 2 drones, or lightweight models that are easily and cheaply acquired and difficult to spot and intercept.

2021 was the first year the demonstration took place at YPG and the Joint C-sUAS Office and the Army's Rapid Capabilities

and Critical Technologies Office plan to return yearly for these demonstrations.

## Heritage Center reopens its doors to visitors

Yuma Proving Ground's Heritage Center officially announced it's reopening on the morning of July 15

in a ceremony attended by multiple dignitaries from throughout the local community and Arizona. The museum chronicles YPG's nearly 80-year history of developmental testing of virtually every piece of equipment in the ground combat arsenal.

The Heritage Center, first opened in 1997, has consistently ranked as one of the top destinations in Yuma by popular online tourist guides, and has been a centerpiece of public tours of the installation held in conjunction with Visit Yuma since 2013. Inside, patrons learn of YPG's growth, from testing pontoon bridges during World War II and conducting the first tests of the Global Positioning System in the 1970s, to it's vital work during the Global War on Terror and position at the forefront of today's Army modernization efforts.

## Highway 95 improvements begin

After decades of danger, Highway 95's road to safe status is underway.

A stretch of Highway 95 from Avenue 9E to just north of Rifle Range Road is being expanded to five lanes, a project that will take roughly one year to complete.

Concurrently, long-awaited left and right turn lanes to Highway 95's intersection with Dome Valley Road were added.

In early August, YPG Commander Col. Patrick McFall participated in a groundbreaking ceremony that kicked off this phase of lane expansion. Also at the event was YPG Command Sgt. Maj. Herbert Gill, former YPG Commander Ross Poppenberger, and numerous elected officials from local city, county, and state government.

Next summer, construction to widen the Wellton-Mohawk Bridge to five lanes will begin. An additional \$10 million that was allocated by the State of Arizona this year will allow for a portion of the road between Rifle Range Road and the bridge to be expanded to five lanes.



Yuma Proving Ground Commander Col. Patrick McFall joined county, state and city representatives in a groundbreaking ceremony Aug. 4 to kicked off the Highway 95 lane expansion.

# Network Cross Functional Team connects sensors and shooters at Yuma Proving Ground

By Mark Schauer

A future conflict with near-peer adversaries could unfold over vast distances.

At Project Convergence 21 (PC 21), U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) served as staging ground for a blending of developmental and operational testing for what may be key elements of the future force.

The proving ground actively supported each of the Army Futures Command's eight Cross Functional Teams (CFTs), all of which seek to retain overmatch with near-peer adversaries in a high intensity conflict while maintaining the competency in waging irregular warfare that has been achieved since the 9/11 attacks.

With well over 100 different technologies put through their paces in weeks of realistic use cases conducted by both members of the Army's 82nd Airborne Division as well as uniformed personnel



U.S. Army Cpt. Erik Doering, assigned to the 1st Multi-Domain Task Force, works on network capabilities in preparation for Project Convergence at Yuma Proving Ground on Oct. 14. (Photo by Spc Destiny Jones)

from the other DOD services, YPG played host to the largest Joint Force experiment of the last 15 years.

Whether it was long-range artillery, autonomous vehicles, or Soldier systems like the Integrated Visual Augmentation System, all of the

technologies had one common factor necessary to be used to their full capabilities in combat.

"You have to have a really robust, stable, and reliable network," said Travis Thompson, Deputy Director of the Soldier Lethality CFT. "That is really key."

Some of the systems under test at PC 21 were prototypes, and many weren't necessarily designed to be interoperable.

"The beauty of Project Convergence also creates the greatest network challenges," said Lt. Col. Stephen Kirchhoff, air-ground integration lead. "We're taking things in very early maturity, connecting them together, and understanding how they work. A lot of these things had never been out of the lab until we brought them out for Project Convergence."

Not only did testers have to integrate these diverse technologies into a tactical network, they had to collect data on their performance during multiple use trials that simulated battlefield operations. Though they had to do certain workarounds in cases to collect data, testers gained valuable insights into how to integrate things later on.

"Being able to do those type of experiments out here helped us

understand the tradeoffs that were involved," said Kirchhoff. "As we continue to hone our waveforms, we can do it in such a way that we can predict the operational impacts of adding extra resiliency."

The testers gave YPG high marks in providing them a natural environment testing center, which provided far more robust test and learning opportunities than would be possible using a conditioning chamber.

"You're not seeing yourself in a lab the same way you see yourself in an open-air environment when you're against the adversary's threat," said Benjamin Pinx, DEVCOM experimentation chief. "When you are exposed to that, you know exactly where you are at in your technology development and can get some quick turns to mature yourself faster."

"One of the things we saw here on the ground was a firmware update during one of the denied engagements where they significantly improved the ability to have control of another system," added Col. Eric Van Den Bosch, chief of staff for operations of Network CFT. "They made an update on the fly and we were able to get a significant distance increase after that update."

Each Department of Defense service branch has its own network and mission set specific to what it is supposed to do. Successful joint integration of these disparate networks is vital for the success of American forces in any potential future conflict with near-peer adversaries.

"The standards between us, the Navy, and Marines aren't always the same, and the architecture isn't always compatible," said Kirchhoff. "Through some workarounds and engineering we were able to make them work. Common standards are critical, and understanding the architecture and interfaces is the thing that will get us to better joint integration."

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# New workforce-centered directorate created at YPG

By Ana Henderson

Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) has created a new directorate which focuses on helping the workforce. Longtime YPG employee, Iris Espinoza, is leading the directorate. “The directorate team is responsible for development, management, execution of all manpower and personnel programs policies throughout YPG.” Espinoza adds, “We follow guidance from DA (Department of the Army), ATEC (Army Test and Evaluation Command), then put it out to all our workforce in those areas.”

Making up the directorate is Workforce Management Chief Sylvia Hughes, Workforce Development Manager and Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Outreach Coordinator Paula Rickleff and Program Analyst for Human Resources actions Chrissy Randle.

The ladies bring nearly 60 years of combined experience at YPG. While they each have an area of focus, they are also cross-training to make sure there is always someone available.

“If one person is missing they will not be a stop in the process. This helps grow the individual professionally, and also makes sure the workforce is taken care of,” explained Espinoza.

The Manpower department overseen by Hughes is geared more towards management.

“We let senior management know if there is a cut or gain in our authorizations to hire more people.”

If a directorate or division is looking to hire employees, Manpower will let the supervisor know if they have an allotted authorization to fill.

Randle’s position focuses on the human resources process for the team. That means recruitment and hiring actions for the command staff and Amanda Heatwole, who is not part of the directorate, is Randle’s



Program Analyst for Human Resources actions Chrissy Randle and Workforce Development Manager and Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics Outreach Coordinator Paula Rickleff, participated in the Arizona Western College career fair on Nov. 16. (Loaned photo)

counterpart for Yuma Test Center on the mission side.

Randle is the conduit between ATEC, YPG’s superior command, and their personnel actions. She can also help direct the workforce to the person who can help them with issues such as Military buy-backs or other human resources related questions.

Rickleff’s focus is on professional development of the workforce.

“It involves making sure we have the proper training and programs available for our workforce so we are not only able to do our jobs. Also, that we are modernizing for the future.”

Rickleff can help the workforce with professional development opportunities such as trainings, conferences, symposiums, higher education and degree competition. She’s also responsible for STEM outreach at local schools. The ladies all work together on the multiple intern programs.

While the directorate is very new, Espinoza says they have “wheels in motion” and one of their many goals is to update the Sharepoint site to make it more user friendly.

“The end goal is to take care of the workforce,” remarks Espinoza.

## Yuma Proving Ground Veterinary Clinic December closures

Due to the holidays the Yuma Proving Ground Veterinary Clinic will only be open a few days throughout the month of December. Dates open are as listed: 8,10,15,17,29. Dec. 15 the clinic will close at noon. On Dec. 29 the clinic will open at 1 P.M. Starting January the clinic will temporarily be open half-days. Staff advises those needing prescription refills to submit the request two weeks before they run out. For more information, contact the clinic at 928-328-2064.

## Santa’s coming to Yuma Proving Ground to deliver gifts on Christmas Eve!



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(YPG) at PC 21 will influence modernization and Army doctrine for years to come.

Army senior leaders say the nation is at an inflection point and that successful deterrence against near-peer adversaries with the ability to conduct large-scale combat operations will require long-range precision fires, autonomous capability, and leveraging of other new technologies across all of the Department of Defense's military branches.

"What we look for is speed, range, and convergence of our systems so we will have the overmatch we need to actually deter some of these strategic competitors," said Army Chief of Staff Gen. James McConville in remarks to the media at YPG on Nov. 9. "We're doing it working together as a joint force. We're going to do it together working as a combined force with allies and partners."

Again likening the significance of Project Convergence with the Louisiana Maneuvers, which prepared American Soldiers of the early 1940s for eventual participation in World War II, McConville praised both the proving ground's personnel and the citizens of the Yuma area.

"They have been tremendous in enabling us to do all of the tests that we had," he said. "This is a superb workforce that is very, very professional. In the area, they have gone out of their way to support this rather significant operation, and I think it is reasons like that that people want to come to Yuma."

"One thing about both Yuma and White Sands that enables what we are doing is the test infrastructure," added Gen. John Murray, commander of the Army Futures Command (AFC). "We had over 300 data collectors on the ground. It's not over today, we're going to spend the next few months digging through data to make sure we understand what worked and what didn't work."

With between 1,500 and 2,000 additional personnel on the ground at any given time throughout the six weeks of experimentation, PC 21 proceeded flawlessly thanks to more than a year of pre-planning, even as the vagaries of natural environment testing caused numerous schedule changes.

"I think we did a pretty good job understanding what the general intent was," said Kermit Okamura, YPG Munitions and Weapons Division Chief. "The day-to-day changes is the hard part to account for."

YPG's senior leaders observed that PC 21 was substantially larger in both scope and ambition than the

previous year's inaugural event, both within the boundaries of YPG and at sister installation White Sands Missile Range.

"PC 20 was mostly scientists and engineers running the whole show trying to figure out whether this technology worked," said Todd Hudson, director of YPG's Technology and Investments Directorate (TID). "PC 21 had a much larger Soldier and joint force component integrated into the operations. It was an expanded event with much more complexity and way more technologies than PC 20."

Meanwhile, the proving ground's normal testing workload—about 1.8 million direct labor hours last fiscal year—had continued throughout the year.

"YTC did a great job of de-conflicting with other customers," said Hudson. "Any time we had a gap where we weren't focused on PC, we executed other tests for the Army or Department of Defense. That worked seamlessly."

Successfully hosting the massive event took the participation of all of YPG.

"All the different sections of YPG have contributed, whether it is the resource management folks getting funding squared away or the network enterprise folks supporting us way out in remote parts of the range: it's a major muscle movement for the

organization as a whole," said Jacob Obradovich, YPG's Next Generation Combat Vehicle Cross Functional Team Integrator. "The organization has really come together to make this a success. It's a testament to our personnel's can-do attitude and dedication to the Warfighter and mission."

PC 21 saw a slew of firsts. For the first time ever, each branch of United States Armed Forces tested their sensor-to-sensor capabilities in tandem, and more than a few of the equipment tests associated with the multiple cross-functional teams (CFTs) that participated in PC were groundbreaking in their own right. A new Gatling-style 20mm machine gun that could serve as rotary cannon on the Army's Future Attack Reconnaissance Aircraft (FARA) was integrated into a UH-60 Blackhawk serving as a surrogate and fired in flight for the first time here. Additionally, aviation testers demonstrated flying a legacy UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter completely autonomously.

A key part of the testing was the participation of hundreds of uniformed personnel, including the Army's 82nd Airborne Division, who lived in tents on YPG's forward operating base across the six weeks of use studies. This aspect of PC 21 was coordinated by YPG's Training and Exercise Management Office



Safety in the extreme desert environment testing inherently dangerous, sometimes experimental, weaponry and heavy equipment was paramount. Operations were conducted on far-flung locations across Yuma Proving Ground's rugged ranges. The entire Project Convergence project was conducted without reportable injuries. (Photos by Mark Schauer)





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"TEMO is able to coordinate and execute a large scale exercise, allowing the technical experts to concentrate on the technical aspects of the test while TEMO takes care of building a camp that is logical and sustainable, feeding people, and other housekeeping tasks," said Luis Arroyo, TEMO manager. "TEMO maintains that proficiency by hosting training events routinely at YPG."

In fact, as equipment and personnel for PC 21 began to arrive at the proving ground, TEMO was still hosting a pair of Marine Corps infantry companies participating in their service's semiannual Weapons and Tactics Instructor course, as well as other ongoing training such as the counter-unmanned aerial systems school.

"PC 20 gave us a template of things we could expect," said Arroyo. "The learning curve was shallower since we've developed a working relationship with the Joint Modernization Command and AFC. We can think like our customers and even predict what their needs might be."

COVID was still a threat that had to be considered throughout the event, but with much of the workforce vaccinated the mitigations were more muted for PC 21, in keeping with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

guidance that had relaxed since the previous year's iteration. However, safety in the extreme desert environment testing inherently dangerous, sometimes experimental, weaponry and heavy equipment was still paramount. Operations were conducted on far-flung locations

across YPG's rugged ranges. In keeping with YPG's longstanding reputation, the entire PC project was conducted without reportable injuries, despite a multitude of hazards for the visiting personnel. The lack of injuries was credited to daily safety briefings and frequent

reminders throughout the day.

"I think our great Yuma community should be proud of the YPG workforce," said Col. Patrick McFall, YPG commander. "They performed. They are on the national stage, and the Army and joint force saw how they performed."



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## Military Family game night



Children were all smiles as they, their friends and family enjoyed themselves during the Month of the Military Family Game Night Nov. 19. Yuma Proving Ground's Child and Youth Services and Army Community Services hosted the event and provided games, prizes, and refreshments. There are more than 2.27 million active duty and reserve members of the U.S. Military. More than 53% are married and more than 43% of the members have children. (Loaned photos)



## Turkey Trot runners score some turkey



The Annual Turkey Trot returned to Yuma Proving Ground Nov. 18 right in time for Thanksgiving. Senior leadership, Soldiers and Civilians got to see the sunrise as they ran 4.5 miles. All participants finished within one hour. The first to arrive back as well as several others were given a turkey right in time for the holidays. (Photos by Brandon Mejia)

## Buzzed driving is drunk driving

By Scott Zaehler

This holiday season, Yuma Proving Ground's Army Substance Abuse Program (ASAP) is teaming up with the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to remind all drivers about the dangers of impaired driving. Before travelling to holiday festivities or seasonal vacations, make sure you plan for a sober ride home before enjoying an alcoholic beverage. This holiday season, and every day, remember: Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving.

Arizona Department of Transportation data shows that in 2020, 181 people were killed, and over 2,800 injured in drunk-driving crashes. This is why we are working with the National Highway

Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to remind drivers that drunk driving is not only illegal, it is a matter of life and death.

Arizona is a no-tolerance state, meaning you can be arrested for DUI even if your blood alcohol concentration is less than the legal limit of 0.08. The most recent information shows that there were over 22,000 DUI arrests in Arizona during the calendar year.

This holiday season, ASAP and



the NHTSA urge drivers to designate a sober driver before heading out for the evening. If you plan on drinking, plan on not driving. If you're the designated driver, make sure you keep that promise of safety to yourself and

your passengers. Support other designated drivers as well.

If you're hosting a holiday get-together, don't make consuming alcohol the focus. Have non-

alcoholic beverages available, and keep an eye on your guests.

Celebrate with a plan. Follow these ideas to ensure you and your fellow partygoers stay safe.

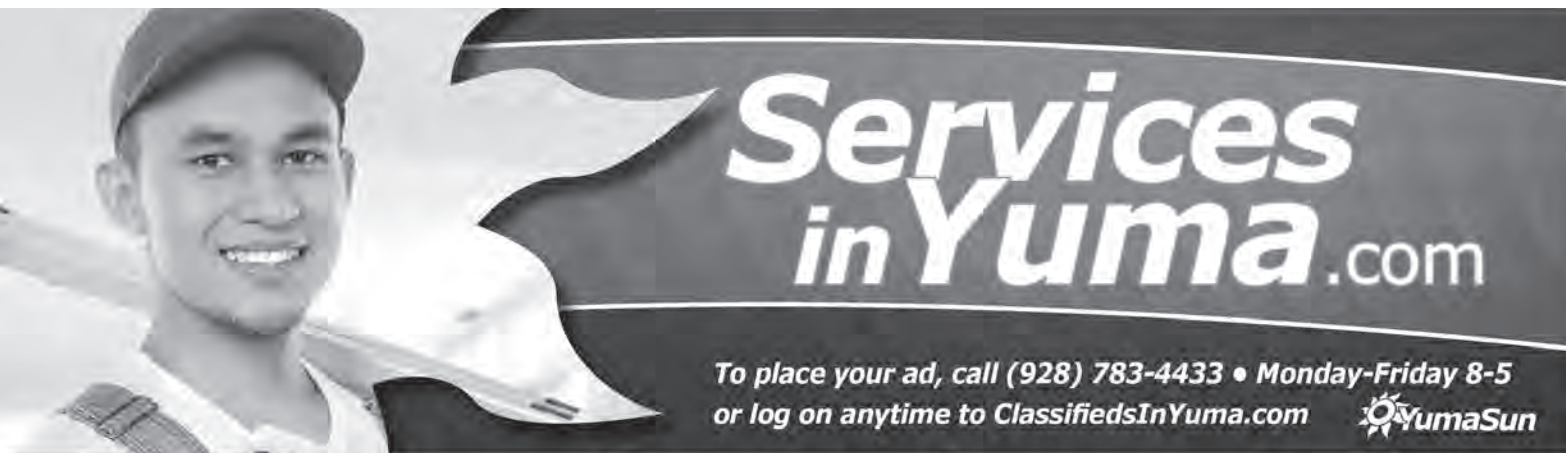
- Remember that is never okay to drink and drive. Even if you've only had one alcoholic beverage, designate a sober driver or plan to use a ride service to get home safely.

- If you see a drunk driver on the road, contact law enforcement.


- Do you have a friend who is about to drink and drive? Take the keys away and make arrangements to get them home safely.

For more information or training on substance abuse issues, including preventing drunk driving, please contact the ASAP Manager, Scott Zaehler at [scott.r.zaehler.civ@army.mil](mailto:scott.r.zaehler.civ@army.mil) or 928.328.2249.





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# Chaplain's Corner Happy Holidays

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YPG Family,

As we are in the winter holiday season of Hanukkah, Bodhi Day, Yule/Winter Solstice, Christmas/Feast of the Nativity, and Epiphany over the next few weeks, Happy Holidays.

Several of these holidays have to do with celebrating light and how it is preferred over darkness. So while as a community, there may be different holidays celebrated in our homes and faith communities, we can come together in agreement with a Chinese proverb, "Better to light a candle than to curse the darkness."

With the end of another calendar year, there are always uncertainties about what the future holds. This year that seems a bit more acute with word of a new COVID variant, the beginning of an election year, economic uncertainty, requests for orders starting to be issued for summer 22 moves, just to name a few.

That's where we can choose to focus on faith to give us strength and reassurance that all is going to be OK. I know that is what I lean on when I'm getting disoriented by circumstances, that I come back to the light of my faith to

help me re-orient my priorities, re-focus on what I can influence and release the rest to God's plan for my life. Spending some extra time in the scriptures and prayer is a great way to re-ignite the light of faith in our busy schedules.

Plan that time to refresh your faith first, then work the other demands of the day, kind of like paying your savings account first before your bills, then that unnecessary spending doesn't steal your intent to save. It isn't easy, I have to be reminded to do that as well. That's where the faith community can help with encouragement.

Speaking of faith communities, the Religious Support Office (RSO) is here to support your faith building activities at YPG. We have a few limits, but if there's something we can do to help, we're here to do that. If there's a group at work on YPG that meets to build one another's faith, is there something the RSO can do to assist? Reach out to the Chaplain and let's talk about it.

The RSO team is here to serve the spiritual growth of the YPG Family. Watch the YPG Chapel Facebook page for information and events that the RSO is helping with.

As we end 2021, I'd like to offer this blessing for you for 2022. May the Most High bless you and keep you, may he make his face shine upon you, may he be gracious to you and give you peace, amen.

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## Commander hosts COVID town hall

Yuma Proving Ground leadership participated in a town hall to give members of the workforce an opportunity to ask questions about the COVID vaccine mandate. The deadline requiring all U.S. Army Soldiers and Civilians to be vaccinated against COVID 19 was Nov. 22. (Photo by Ana Henderson)



## Welcome BBQ for winter visitors



As Winter visitors flock to the Desert Southwest, Morale, Welfare, and Recreation as well as Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) senior leadership welcomed back the YPG Travel Camp visitors Nov. 18 with a BBQ. Those who took part got to enjoy burgers and brats while engaging in conversations to enhance the travel camp experience. (Photos by Brandon Mejia)



## YPG COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Please join us this Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

We invite you to a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. This will feature Christmas carol singing and a message of hope. Everyone is welcome to attend and we would be happy to see you there. There will also be a Christmas Day Catholic Mass Service the following day. Thank you and we wish you all a safe and happy holiday!

Date and Time

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